

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ADDITIONAL STATED MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2006

The Additional Stated Meeting of Monday, February 27, 2006 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Frank J. Greco. A quorum was present as follows:

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| Mr. Greco | | Mr. Wilson |
| Mrs. Martinelli | Mr. Padula | Ms. Fialla |

(6-52) MOVED PADULA-WILSON to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2006 with the following amendment: VFC #1 did not submit a report for the meeting. However, a report was faxed to the municipal building on February 14, 2006. The motion was adopted by a 4-1 vote with Mrs. Martinelli voting NO.

Mrs. Martinelli stated that she voted no on the motion because she feels that if the reports from departments are due on a specific date, they should be here on that date, not the following day.

Communications:

1. Charlene Cervino, Municipal Coordinator, Waste Management of PA., Inc.: Requesting that the Board of Commissioners consider the grant of a \$0.20 per unit per month increase in the municipal refuse bill for the added cost of fuel.

(6-53) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to deny the request of Waste Management of PA., Inc. for an increase of \$0.20 per unit per month in the municipal refuse bill for the added cost of fuel. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Dennis Davin, Director of Economic Development, Allegheny County, advising the Township that the CDBG Year 32 application submitted for the rehabilitation of the former Rescue #1 building for a Senior Center was denied due to funding restrictions and encouraging the township to reapply for funding in Year 33.
3. Dennis Davin, Director of Economic Development, Allegheny County, advising the Township that the CDBG Year 32 application submitted for the reconstruction of Montgomery Street and Washington Avenue was denied due to funding restrictions and encouraging the Township to reapply for funding in Year 33.

Citizens' Comments:

Ms. Dora Packowski of 194 Ridge Street stated that she was unhappy with what she perceived as a political rally instead of a reorganization of the Board of Commissioners on January 5, 2006. Further questioned what rules of procedure the Board of Commissioners follows.

Proposed Ordinance Number 976 – Occupancy Permits - Mrs. Bradley reviewed the proposed ordinance governing the issuance of occupancy permits for one and two family; multi family and commercial structures in the Township of Wilkins. The Ordinance will be advertised for adoption at the meeting scheduled for March 13, 2006.

Mrs. Bradley reviewed correspondence received from Ms. Nowikowski, Recreation Advisory Board Chair, regarding additional amendments to the proposed by-laws for the Recreation Advisory Board. Mrs. Bradley recommended that the Board of Commissioners not take formal action to approve the by-laws until the Recreation Advisory Board had formally approved the three amendments requested by Ms. Nowikowski in her communication of February 27, 2006. Also recommended that the Board consider amending Article VII, Rules and Amendments; Section 3 to state:

“No amendment shall be made to the code of laws except at a board meeting, and must receive concurrence of 2/3 of the members present. All Board members shall be notified in writing of a meeting wherein an amendment to the by-laws is contemplated at least thirty (30) days in advance. No amendment to the by-laws may be made until voted upon by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Wilkins. This item will be reintroduced at the meeting of March 13, 2006.

Mrs. Bradley announced that she had received notification from John Barrett of the Local Government Academy that the application submitted by the Township for an intern to prepare and present an employee manual had been approved. Initial intern interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th at Carnegie Mellon University from 12:00 – 3:00 PM.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING A POLICY GOVERNING THE PURCHASE OF OFF-DUTY WEAPONS BY POLICE OFFICERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS WITH TOWNSHIP-ISSUED CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.

(6-54) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to read Resolution #04-2006 for the first time with the following amendments: Under Paragraph A(4) – Clarify the language to indicate that the purchase of off-duty weapons is limited to one (1) weapon period, not one weapon each year; and under Paragraph B(4) - Add language indicating that the Chief of Police must sign off on firearms certification. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(6-55) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to read Resolution #04-2006 for the second time, by title only. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(6-56) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to adopt Resolution #04-2006. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(6-57) MOVED FIALLA-MARTINELLI to approve the request of Sergeant DeMarco to use the municipal building on the following dates: April 27, 2006 for a seminar for residents entitled: “Your Child and the Internet” in conjunction with the Post Office; May 11, 2006 for a training session with area police departments on Visual Alert (record management system); and May 25, 2006 for a seminar to be conducted for Wilkins Township businesses to aid them in the identification of counterfeit money and credit card fraud in conjunction with the US Secret Service. Also requesting that the solicitor review and approve an agreement between the Post Gazette and the Township for the right to duplicate and use an article published in that paper. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(6-58) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to accept the recommendation of the Manager to table Agenda Item #11 until the meeting of March 13, 2006. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Padula questioned whether there had been any action on the hiring of a substitute crossing guard as was previously discussed. Thanked the Recreation Advisory Board for doing a great job on the recent newsletter. Questioned whether all Wilkins Township residents receive the newsletter. Spoke with a resident of Seville Square who does not receive it.

Ms. Fialla questioned the action on a substitute crossing guard. Stated that if there is no expense, then the position should be filled.

Mr. Wilson congratulated Patty Nowikowski on her receipt of the Citizen of the Year Award.

Mrs. Martinelli thanked the Recreation Advisory Board for the great job on the newsletter. Formally thanked the following individuals for their help in getting the newsletters out to the residents and requested that the manager send thank you letters to these individuals: Mr. & Mrs. Neal Stanton, Mrs. Judy Null, Nancy & Chris Chapman, Mrs. Linda Porado, Mrs. Patricia Romanelli, Mr. Zachary Rizza and Mrs. Betty Delanko. Also thanked the residents of the community for allowing the Board of Commissioners to attend the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments' dinner on this past Saturday. The guest speaker at the event was Jon Delano from KDKA.

President Greco thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the Recreation Advisory Board for doing such a nice job on the newsletter.

(6-59) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary